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JOINT STATE-USIS MESSAGE

1. THE ONLY MORNINGER THAT GAVE THE NEWS OF DAN MITRIONE'S DEATH WAS BP COLOR BECAUSE ALTHOUGH THE BODY WAS FOUND AROUND 5 A.M., THE OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE AT 6 A.M.

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2. PUBLISHED MANY PHOTOS AND NEWS OF THE SEARCHING OPERATIONS CONDUCTED THESE LAST FEW DAYS BY ABOUT 10 THOUSAND MEN FROM THE POLICE, THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCES IN MONTEVIDEO AND SURROUNDING AREAS, TRYING TO FIND THE THREE KIDNAPPED MEN.

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3. THEY ALSO PUBLISHED THE NEWS THAT THE PRESIDENT AND HIS CABINET HAVE SENT TO CONGRESS A PROJECT TO SUSPEND THE INDIVIDUAL SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 31 OF THE CONSTITUTION

THE SUSPENSION OFNINDIVIDUAL SECURITY MEANS THAT THE POLICE CAN ENTER A HOUSE WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE JURIDICAL ORDER, THAT A PERSON CAN BE DETAINED OR ARRESTED WITHOUT HAVING TO NOTIFY A JUDGE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE DETENTION, AND NULLIFIES THE HABEAS CORPUS APPEAL.

4. THEY ALSO MENTION THE REFUSAL OF THE JUDGE TO ACCEPT THE PETITION FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE "TRUTH SERUM" WITH THE PRISONERS IN ORDER TO TRY TO OBTAIN DATA CONCERNING THE PLACE WHERE THE THREE KIDNAPPED MEN COULD BE.

5. THE WIVES AND CHILDREN OF BRAZILIAN DIPLOMATS ARE SENT TO BRAZIL IN BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE PLANES.

6. CLASSES IN HIGH SCHOOLS ARE SUSPENDED TO AVOID UNNECESSARY RISKS TO THE STUDENTS UNDER THE PRESENT SITUATION. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SAME WILL HAPPEN IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

7. A SENATOR, A LAWYER, A LABORER, AND SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE HAVE OFFERED THEMSELVES AS HOSTAGES TO THE KIDNAPPERS IN PLACE OF THE THREE FOREIGNERS HELD CAPTIVE.

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8. "EL DEBATE" SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED, THERE ARE RUMORS THAT SOME CONGRESSMEN WILL ASK FOR THE IMPLANTATION OF THE DEATH PENALTY. IT ALSO INCLUDES THE OPINION OF SEVERAL SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES AGAINST IT. IT INCLUDES EXCERPTS FROM A STORY PUBLISHED IN THE BRAZILIAN NEWSPAPER "FOLHA DA TARDE" OF PORTO ALEGRE WHICH DESCRIBES THE WAY THE TUPAMAROS WORK, INCLUDING ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN SYMPATHY FROM THE PEOPLE. IT ALSO SAYS THAT ALL URUGUAYANS AND ALSO FOREIGNERS ARE AFRAID OF THE POLICE AND THE MILITARY.

9. "EL POPULAR" HEADLINES ON FRONT PAGE "THE EXECUTIVE POWER WANTS TO SUSPEND THE INDIVIDUAL GUARANTEES." IT ALSO PUBLICIZES THE MEETING SPONSORED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF THE REPUBLIC THAT WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY AS A COMPENSATION FOR MORAL DAMAGES AGAINST THE HOSPITAL DE CLINICAS ON OCCASION OF THE SEARCH OF THE BUILDING BY POLICE SEARCHING FOR THE KIDNAPPED MEN. IT INCLUDES THE OPINION OF SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN AGAINST THE POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF THE INDIVIDUAL GUARANTEES.

10. "ACCION" A LEADING AFTERNOONER, HEADLINED THE DEATH OF DAN MITRIONE, WITH PICTURES OF THE DECEASED AND OF HIS WIFE. IT ALSO CARRIED THE FULL TEXT OF THE DECLARATION BY THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE MURDER AND NEWS OF THE DECLARATION OF A DAY OF NATIONAL MOURNING.

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